

IN THE ABSTRACT

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ABSTRACT

A transparent substrate including an antireflection coating, made from a stack of thin layers of dielectric material having alternately high and low refractive indices. This stack includes a high-index first layer having a refractive index n_1 of between 1.8 and 2.2 and a geometrical thickness e_1 of between 5 and 50 nm, a low-index second layer having a refractive index n_2 of between 1.35 and 1.65 and a geometrical thickness e_2 of between 5 and 50 nm, a high-index third layer having a refractive index n_3 of between 1.8 and 2.2 and a geometrical thickness e_3 of between 70 and 120 nm, and a low-index fourth layer having a refractive index n_4 of between 1.35 and 1.65 and a geometrical thickness e_4 of at least 80 nm.

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

The present response is submitted to place the above-identified application in more proper format under United States practice.

By the present preliminary amendment original Claims 1-22 are canceled and new Claims 23-44 are presented for examination. New Claims 23-44 are similar to original Claims 1-22 except that new Claims 23-44 do not recite any reference numerals or improper multiple dependencies, and correct for minor informalities in original Claims 1-22.

A new Abstract believed to be in more proper format under United States practice is also submitted herein.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

--Claim 1-22 (Canceled).

Claims 23-44 (New).

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(New).--

Applicants therefore believe that the present application is in proper condition to be revived and restored to a pending status. An early and favorable decision is hereby earnestly solicited.

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